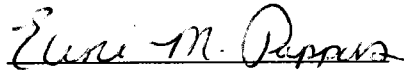


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Response to Office Action is being filed in response to a final Office Action mailed on January 4, 2010 and the Advisory Action mailed September 21, 2010 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before October 4, 2010, this submittal includes a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unavoidably under 37 CFR 1.137(a), the Requisite Petition fee, and the RCE fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.